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25X1 10. [] Talked with Bill Spell, on the staff of Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.), about the current activity regarding S. 782. Specifically, the possibility of talking with the staffs of Senators Robert Byrd (D., W. Va.) and Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.). Spell suggested that Mr. Paul J. Cotter, Special Counsel to the Appropriations Committee, would be a good person to talk with about this, since he has worked closely with Senator Byrd on a number of legislative matters. I talked with Cotter (a former FBI agent) who appeared to grasp the significance of our problems with the bill. He subsequently talked to Ethel Low, on the Senator's staff, and arranged for me to contact Joseph Owens, of that staff, on Wednesday.

Inasmuch as Ed Braswell, of the Senate Armed Services staff, was tied up, I took this occasion to brief Spell on a number of current developments in the Sino-Soviet situation.

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